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In re application of

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Examiner: J. Gonzalez

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For: A WIND-POWER GENERATOR POD CONSTITUTED BY THE BODY OF AN
ELECTRICITY GENERATOR

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Request is in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 3 and 5-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Carter, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,366,387) (hereinafter "Carter"). Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter in view of Hirose (U.S. Patent No. 5,977,667). Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter in view of Benoit (U.S. Patent No. 4,350,898).

FORMALITIES

Initially, the Examiner has objected to the drawing for allegedly failing to clearly depict the connections between the propeller and the gearbox, and between the gearbox and the generator. Applicant respectfully disagrees for the following reasons. The propeller 5 in